

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): In a fuel cell separator having a central part and ~~a peripheral part whereby the peripheral part comprises~~ a frame part that surrounds the central part, the frame part defining a reaction gas passage for guiding reaction gases and a reaction product passage for guiding a reaction product, reaction gases being guided from the reaction gas passages to the central part and reaction product produced at the central part being guided to the reaction product passage,

wherein the central part is made from a metal member and the frame part ~~consists of~~ is made from a resin member, and

wherein the frame part is connected to the metal member by an elastic member.

Claim 2 (original): The fuel cell separator according to claim 1, wherein a projecting central seal part surrounding the central part is provided by the elastic member.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The fuel cell separator according to claim 1, wherein the ~~peripheral~~ frame part includes projecting passage seal parts that surround the reaction gas passages and the reaction product passage.

Claim 4 (original): The fuel cell separator according to claim 2, wherein the elastic member and the central seal part are formed integrally from a rubber material.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The fuel cell separator according to claim 2, wherein the peripheral frame part includes projecting passage seal parts that surround the reaction gas passages and the reaction product passage.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A fuel cell separator comprising:

- a metal central part;
- a resin frame part surrounding the metal central part, wherein the resin frame part is larger than the metal central part such that the resin frame part and the central metal part are separated by a gap;
- a connecting part disposed between the metal central part and the resin frame part to thereby connect the metal central part and the resin frame part, wherein the connecting part is an elastic member;
- a plurality of reaction gas passages defined in the frame part, wherein the plurality of reaction gas passages guide reaction gases to the metal central part; and
- a plurality of reaction product passages defined in the frame part, wherein a reaction product produced at the metal central part is guided to the plurality of reaction product passages.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The fuel cell separator according to claim 6, wherein a projecting central seal part surrounding the central part is provided by the elastic member.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The fuel cell separator according to claim 6, wherein the frame part includes projecting passage seal parts that surround the reaction gas passages and the reaction product passage.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The fuel cell separator according to claim 7, wherein the elastic member and the central seal part are formed integrally from a rubber material.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The fuel cell separator according to claim 7, wherein the frame part includes projecting passage seal parts that surround the reaction gas passages and the reaction product passage.